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TO: H Street NE Stakeholders

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RE: H Street NE Strategic Development Plan - Purpose

Thank you for your continued commitment to the H Street NE Strategic Development Plan. Your participation in this planning process is and will continue to be greatly appreciated. As we move forward, it is **very important** that we all continue to work together to realize the plan.

The H Street NE Strategic Development Plan will guide community, private sector, and public agency actions and investments in revitalizing this traditional neighborhood corridor over the next ten years. Various area stakeholder groups are expected to play a crucial role in shepherding the Plan through its many levels of implementation. For example, key roles must be played by both **ANC 6A and 6C** to pro-actively encourage continued economic and physical development consistent with the overall goals of the Plan, particularly regarding issues of zoning; by the **H Street NE Main Street** in leading community efforts to resolve cleanliness and safety issues on the corridor and to work for the community in retaining, expanding and attracting preferred retailers; by the **H Street CDC** in developing/redeveloping their properties in accordance with the tenets and guidelines of the Plan; by **local merchants** in meeting the new and ongoing demand for quality goods and services at competitive prices; by **area residents** in holding public and private agencies and officials accountable and by participating in ANC and Main Street committee meetings, projects and activities; by **private developers/investors** by adhering to the Plan's recommendations; and by **public agencies** to continue working with the H Street stakeholders to facilitate more investment. As you can see, the Plan calls for many tiers of participation and investment. The Plan is not intended for the sole use of any one organization.

As we all move forward with implementation, more role definition and/or specification will be needed. The Office of Planning and other District government offices, such as reSTORE DC, are prepared to assist the various stakeholder groups in considering roles and responsibilities.

The collective effort that all members of the H Street family have put forth in developing this Plan should generate pride that continues to unite all of us in reaching its fulfillment. Please feel free to continue contacting us with questions or concerns.